

Education Committee Hearing  
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My name is Jennifer Renkiewicz and I have been proudly teaching 4th grade for eight years at Odyssey Community School.

Odyssey is a place where both students and educators are welcomed and challenged to be our best. We are a reflective community, never stagnant, and always persevering to grow and be better. Odyssey Community School matters because in our small corner of the world, we are preparing students to be future world-changers. Our students are growing up with a strong foundation and the skill set necessary to be courageous, respectful, curious leaders of tomorrow with a strong sense of integrity and a mindset where excellence is the norm.

But we desperately need your help. Money matters. It makes all the difference in how we are able to continue to meet the needs of all our students. In dealing with all the difficulty that this pandemic has caused and all the inequity it has highlighted, we have a real opportunity to right the ship and do what's best for all of our students.

I ask that you join forces with Governor Lamont's proposal to extend to public charter schools the same foundational dollar amount that all other public school students receive in our state and make our educational system in CT one of true equity. Let's give all of our Connecticut students the funding they need and deserve.

Best,  
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